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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco and Point Richmond, and in Contra Costa County, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended February 13, 1909.

Sick inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	91
Plague.....	0
Necropsy held.....	1
Premises inspected.....	2,753
Houses destroyed.....	2
Nuisances abated.....	182
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Rats found dead.....	29
Rats trapped.....	1,181
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Total rats taken.....	1,210
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	837
Mus rattus.....	18
Mus musculus.....	334
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Total.....	1,189
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Rats identified as to sex.....	845
Male.....	342
Female.....	503
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	760
Plague rats.....	0
Squirrels (<i>Citellus beecheyi</i>) caught.....	11
Squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	6
Plague squirrels.....	0
Weasel caught.....	1
Weasel examined bacteriologically.....	1
Plague weasels.....	0
Poisons placed.....	3,460

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended February 13.

Sick inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	490
Nuisances abated.....	20
Rats found dead.....	14
Rats trapped.....	16
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	26
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	14, 000

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended February 13.

Sick inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Squirrels shot and squirrels found dead.....	9
Squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	9
Plague squirrels.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	64
Ranches found free of squirrels.....	12
Ranches poisoning squirrels.....	24

Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of animals for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson, plague laboratory, reports, February 9:

Animals examined in the laboratory in this city from February 1 to 7, 1909, inclusive.

Ground squirrels.....	142
Gray rats.....	240
Black rats.....	22
White rats.....	5

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.

Report from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, February 8:

SEATTLE, WASH.

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.

Week ended February 6, 1909.

Rats received.....	926
Rats necropsied.....	886
Plague rats.....	0
Plague-infected rats to date.....	21
Vessels inspected.....	15
Vessels fumigated.....	2